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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 September 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 15 and 17 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 17 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 15 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim 17 is withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b) as being drawn to a nonelected invention, there being no allowable generic or linking claim. Election was made **without** traverse in the reply filed on 09/21/06.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claim 17 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over JP 62-201957 in view of JP 04284609 and further in view of JP 09079866.

As to claim 15, JP 62-201957 (hereinafter JP'957) discloses a mold-type magnetic resistance element as detecting sensor including a magnetic sensor chip (2, fig. 1); a chip mounting member (1) on which the magnetic sensor chip (2) is mounted at a mounting position; an adhesive material (5, fig. 3) for bonding the magnetic sensor chip (2) to the chip mounting member (1) and an encapsulating material (4, fig. 1 and 2) for encapsulating the magnetic sensor chip (2). JP'957 fails to show a magnetic-field generating portion formed by magnetizing the encapsulating material, wherein the magnetic sensor chip comprises multiple magneto-resistance elements for forming MRE

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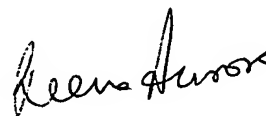
bridges, each of the multiple MREs having a detection axis. JP 04284609 (hereinafter JP'609) discloses a chip inductor wherein a magnetic substance is formed by kneading a magnetically soft substance powder with a thermostat resin, wherein the magnetic sensor chip comprises multiple magneto-resistance elements for forming MRE bridges, each of the multiple MREs having a detection axis (fig. 4). Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have modified the device of JP'957 with the teachings of JP'609 such that magnetizing the encapsulated material would provide an increased surface of the magnetic field generating portion. JP'957 and JP '609 fails to show that the magnetic field generating portion is inclined for biasing at an angle of 45 degrees to respective detection axes of the MREs. JP 09079866 (hereinafter JP '866) discloses a magnetic detecting sensor wherein the magnetic field generating portion (13) is inclined for biasing at an angle of 45 degrees to respective detection axes of the MREs (11, 12, fig. 3). Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have modified the device of JP'957 with the teachings of JP'609 and further with the teachings of JP '866 such that the magnetic field generating portion is inclined for biasing at an angle of 45 degrees to respective detection axes of the MREs would reduce the error in the signal generated by MREs, thereby increasing the efficiency of the device.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Reena Aurora whose telephone number is 571-272-2263. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday, 7:00 - 3:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, E. Lefkowitz can be reached on 571-272-2180. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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